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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 24 October 2003 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

*As discussed with Benjamin Volk in a telephone interview on March 18, 2004, claims 11-17 were cancelled in the amendment filed April 25, 2001. Therefore, claims 11-17 will not be entered. Claims 1-5, 8 and 18-30 have been allowed and applicant's amendments thereto have been entered. This response supersedes the response mailed February 18, 2004.*

  
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